

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

JOE JOHNSON,	:	
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Plaintiff,	:	
	:	Civil Action No. 2:22-cv-2905
v.	:	
	:	
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	:	
	:	
Defendant.	:	

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA’S RESPONSE TO
PLAINTIFF’S MOTION TO EXTEND TIME FOR SERVICE**

Within the last few days, plaintiff Joe Johnson has (a) filed an amended complaint dropping individual defendants Wright and Kuechler from this action (ECF No. 16), (b) requested that the Clerk issue summonses (ECF No. 17), and (c) filed a motion seeking an extension of the time to serve the United States (ECF No. 19).

The United States responds to plaintiff’s motion to extend time for service to clarify that the United States accepted service on behalf of the U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania through its August 15, 2022 motion to set its deadline to respond to plaintiff’s original complaint. *See* Mem. of Law Supp. USA Mot. to Set Resp. Deadline, at 3 (ECF No. 10). Now that the sole defendant to this action is the United States, to complete service plaintiff need only serve the Attorney General’s Office in Washington, D.C. via registered or certified mail. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 4(i)(1).

The United States anticipates filing its response to the amended complaint on or before October 24, 2022, in accordance with Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 15(a)(3).

Dated: October 11, 2022

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on this date I caused a copy of the foregoing United States of America's Response to Plaintiff's Motion to Extend Time for Service and thereby served on *pro se* plaintiff Joe Johnson, who has been granted leave to use the Court's ECF system (ECF No. 15).

October 11, 2022

/s/ Rebecca S. Melley

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